

## **TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: The European External Action Service**

### **ABSTRACT**

The main question that this research paper seeks to address is the functionality of the EEAS as an effective and efficient diplomatic actor. The thesis pursues the answer in an analysis of possible advantages and disadvantages of the EEAS as a diplomatic agent in political and economic terms.

The research is based on the argumentation line studying different aspects. Firstly, the technical basis of the EEAS, including the juridical fundament, the functions and duties, as well as the internal organization established by EU treaties are reviewed. Secondly is analysed the role of the HR/VP as chief executive of the EEAS. Additionally the thesis considers the functioning of the EEAS on the basis of the diplomatic functions stated in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The analysis also reflects the existence and implications of EEAS alongside other national diplomatic services of European Union member states.

**Palavras Chave: EEAS, EU, Diplomacy, European Union.**